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Examiner: Edna Wong

Dear Ms. Wong:

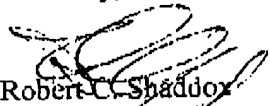
We have recently received a Final Office Action dated March 14, 2007 for the above referenced application. We would appreciate the opportunity for discussion related to this Action prior to filing our response. In particular:

--Regarding the finality of the current Office Action. Amendments made in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 12, 2006 should not have required a new search because the amendments did not introduce any new claim limitations and only emphasize the nature of the present invention. Moreover, the current Office Action presents rejections based on entirely new art. For at least these reasons, it seems this action should not be final.

--Furthermore, the new art rejections 1) fail to recite every element of the claimed invention for rejection under 102; and 2) fail to present a *prima facie* case of obviousness for rejection under 103.

We invite a discussion of these issues with the Examiner by telephone. Please contact us at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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